

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 5, 8, 11, and 12 are cancelled herein without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 14-22, 24-32, and 34 stand allowed as reported in the Office Action mailed November 20, 2003 (hereinafter the "Action"). In the Action, the Examiner reported that claim 2 was pending; however, claim 2 was canceled in a Preliminary Amendment mailed July 05, 2000. Therefore, claims 14-22, 24-32, and 34 are currently pending and all pending claims stand allowed. No new matter has been added. Entry of the above amendment is respectfully requested and early issuance of the allowed claims in a patent is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is requested to contact the representative for the Applicants, to discuss any questions or for clarification.

If there are any further fees associated with this response, the Director is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0962.

Respectfully submitted,

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